109th CONGRESS 2d Session **S. 2554**

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

April 5, 2006

Mr. ENSIGN (for himself and Mr. DEWINE) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

A BILL

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the `Affordability in the Individual Market Act'.

SEC. 2. USE OF HEALTH SAVINGS ACCOUNTS FOR NON-GROUP HIGH DEDUCTIBLE HEALTH PLAN PREMIUMS.

- (a) In General- Section 223(d)(2)(C) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (relating to exceptions) is amended by striking `or' at the end of clause (iii), by striking the period at the end of clause (iv) and inserting `, or', and by adding at the end the following new clause:
 - '(v) a high deductible health plan, other than a group health plan (as defined in section 5000(b)(1)).'.
- (b) Effective Date- The amendment made by this section shall apply to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2006.

END